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# **WISCONSIN MEDICAID UPDATE**

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TO:  
Hospitals  
Independent Laboratories  
Physicians

## **Laboratory Services Rate Changes - Effective January 1, 1996**

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### **Laboratory rate changes**

#### **Laboratory rate decreases**

Laboratory rates that exceed Medicare laboratory rates were changed effective January 1, 1996 to reflect the Milwaukee Medicare rates.

Wisconsin Medicaid made this rate change due to the federal requirement that payments under the Medicaid program may not exceed the Medicare allowable rates for clinical laboratory tests.

You *may* be notified of any adjustments on your remittance and status reports.

#### **Laboratory rate increases**

Effective July 1, 1996, *all* laboratory rates that are less than Medicare rates will be changed to be consistent with Medicare current rates for Milwaukee county.

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